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OCCUPATIONAL AFFECTIONS OF THE SKIN, Their Prevention and Treatment with an Account of the Trade Processes and Agents which give Rise to Them. By R. PROSSER WHITE, M.D., M.R.C.S., life vice-president, dermatologist, senior physician and enthetic officer, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan. Second edition. 360 pages with illustrations. Price 25/- net. Publishers: K. H. Lewis & Co., 136 Gower Street, London, W.C. 1., 1920.

Book Reviews

THE DIAGNOSIS OF NERVOUS DISEASES. By SIR JAMES PURVES STEWART, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.D. (EDIN.), F.R.C.P. Fifth edition.

The fifth edition of this work will be welcome to the profession generally. The student, the general practitioner, and the neurologist will find it a volume of exceptional value. The plan is similar to previous editions, but much of it has been rewritten, the whole revised and valuable additions made, bringing it up to the very latest date. This work which has already been translated into three languages, is so well known it scarcely needs detailed descriptive comment. Suffice it to say that after a succinct but comprehensive chapter on anatomy and physiology, nervous diseases are discussed from a practical anatomical and symptomatic standpoint. Probably no other work in neurology gives such a wealth of explanatory detail in such concise form. A chapter on war neurosis and a frank well-timed criticism of the Freudian theory are added attractions to this edition. Since the profession will repeatedly be face to face with varieties of nervous diseases resulting from the war, the whole book will be decidedly useful to the profession at large and no one can do better than thoroughly familiarize himself with its contents.

F. B.

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL DIAGNOSIS. BY JOHN C. DAcOSTA, JR., M.D., ex-associate professor of medicine, Jefferson Medical College. Fourth edition, thoroughly revised. 602 pages with 225 original illustrations. Price, cloth, \$4.75 net. Publishers: W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1919.

THE fact that this book has reached its fourth edition is good evidence of its worth. The illustrations are excellent. The book is well adapted to the needs of the medical student and the medical practitioner.

The chapters on diseases of the broncho-pulmonary system are particularly good. The discussion of differential diagnosis, which is so essential, is thorough but not tedious, as well as that on other diseases which pulmonary diseases may simulate, viz.: pneumonia simulating meningitis, peritonitis, etc.

A few pages are devoted to "Soldier's Heart". The fact that its pathology is obscure and that theories concerning it are numerous, perhaps, accounts for the small amount of space allotted to this interesting and very important subject. The condition is, however, accurately described. The United States army exercise test which brings out the symptoms to which Lewis has applied the term "effort syndrome" is described and can be readily used by all.

The radiographs and photographs of abdominal conditions, normal and abnormal, are very instructive and should prove to be of great value to the reader.

C. A. P.

THE HEALTH OF THE TEACHER. BY W. E. CHANCELLOR, M.D. Publishers: Forbes and Company Chicago, 1919. Price, \$1.25 net.

IN a neatly bound well-printed book of 300 pages, Dr. Chancellor takes up the subject of the health of the teacher in the United States of America.

He divides his subject into two parts. Part I.—The Principles of Diagnosis and Cases. Part II.—The Rationale of Health Control.

In the first part he discusses the various races from which the great majority of the teachers are drawn, and the temperaments of these various races; from this he deduces from what illness each type is likely most to suffer.

In the second part he takes up the conditions of every day life, such as sleep, food, clothing, exercise, etc., and gives advice as to the best way of maintaining one's health.

In the last chapter he gives a short summary of the whole subject. There is a good deal of valuable information in the book; but it is very hard to read, and at times hard to follow his deductions.

J. G. W.

DISEASES OF WOMEN. By TEN TEACHERS. Under the direction of COMYNS BERKELEY, M.A., M.D., M.C., F.R.C.P., obstetric and gynaecological surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital. Edited by COMYNS BERKELEY and others. 650 pages, illustrated. Price, 30/- net. Publishers: Edward Arnold, 41 Maddox Street, London W., 1919.

The author of an individual chapter is not known, but the text has been submitted to an editorial board composed of the ten teachers and to a certain extent reflects the views of all. The anatomy and physiology of the generative tract is first dealt with, followed by a section dealing with the various symptoms associated with diseases of genital organs. The various pathological conditions are then taken up and the text is written in a clear, concise manner and is well illustrated. An interesting chapter deals with "Chronic ill-health in women from the psychological aspect; neurasthenia in relation to pelvic disorders; and the author discusses "ovaritis" and "congestion of ovary", etc., in a very sane and painstaking manner.

The book concludes with a short resumé of gynaecological operations and the preparations for, and after treatment of the various procedures undertaken.

SWANZY'S HANDBOOK OF THE DISEASES OF THE EYE AND THEIR TREATMENT. Twelfth edition. Edited by LOUIS WERNER, M.B., F.R.C.S.I., surgeon to the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin. 671 pages with illustrations. Price, 22/6 net. Publishers: H. K. Lewis & Co., Ltd., 136 Gower Street, London, W.C. 1, 1919.

As a manual, there is no text-book in ophthalmological literature better than that of Swanzy.

The present edition has been subjected by the editor to a complete and careful revision. The diseases of the cornea have

been reclassified, and some additions made, including a brief account of superficial linear keratitis. Amongst other additions and improvements may be mentioned the description of acne rosacea keratitis, hypotony, a summary of the methods of diagnosis in chronic uveitis, and a résumé of the investigations of Dr. Gordon Holmes on the cortical centre of vision.

The operations of excision of the lacrimal sac, and of the transplantation of mucous membrane for trichiasis have been described in greater detail, and a few others have been introduced.

The plan of the text-book is excellent. Subjects of paramount importance receive full treatment in large print; while those of less or little moment are relegated to smaller space in finer type. Proper values are thus maintained. Our suggestion is, that this principle might with advantage be followed out even more fully. The sections on eye changes in nervous disorders and systemic disease have always been a praiseworthy feature of this highly commendable work.

W. G. M. B.

ATLAS OF OPERATIVE GYNÆCOLOGY. By BARTON COOKE HIRST, M.D., professor of obstetrics, University of Pennsylvania. 292 pages, 164 plates, 46 figures. Price, \$7.00 Publishers: J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, London, and 201 Unity Building, Montreal, 1919.

The Atlas is beautifully illustrated by plates showing steps of various operations and everywhere the text is subordinate to the illustrations. The author deals first with equipment and preparation for gynæcological operations, and engravings of instruments used are shown. He condemns spinal anæsthesia in gynæcological operations. He does not believe in the immediate repair of genital tract following confinement, but waits until the fifth day post partum and then under anæsthesia repairs the lacerated tissues. For cystocele he favours the Watkins operation in selected cases. In retroversion of uterus he favours the old Alexander operation done through a Pfannenstiel incision and at the same time performs a coeliotomy, deals with pathological conditions found and does a temporary suspension by using single suture of catgut. He describes in detail the operation of extra and intra peritoneal Cæsarean section, and pubiotomy. In the last chapter he discusses and beautifully illustrates the various operations for pathological conditions of the mammary gland.